

Discover the Delaware Bay with us!



FREE Public Programs offered Summer 2017

Explore the Delaware Bay by Water

Hike and Sunset Canoe Trip at Blackbird Creek

Joint Program with Delaware Nature Society

Saturday, July 15th 2:30 PM– 8 PM

Join Delaware Nature Society and DNERR staff as we explore Blackbird Creek Reserve on a hike and canoe trip. Pack a bagged dinner. Led by Matt Babbitt and John Harrod.

This program is organized by the Delaware Nature Society and it has a small fee for participation. Please contact 302-239-2334 with questions and to register.

Boat Ride on the St. Jones River

Monday, August 21st 9AM - 11 AM

Get ready to board our 24 foot skiff boat as we take an expedition onto the River! This program will meet at Scotton Landing off of Barkers Landing Road in Dover, DE. **These boating experiences are designed for ages 5-adult.** Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn.

Muckless Marsh Walk

Join a naturalist for an approximately 1/4 mile guided walk as we explore the St. Jones saltmarsh. Learn about the ecological and economic importance of marshes and the research being completed at the Reserve. The walk will meet at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Rd in Dover, DE.) **Wear comfortable shoes, please no strollers.**

Wednesday, August 30th, 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Pre-registration required, call 302-739-6377

Coastal Heritage Driving Tour

Thursday, August 10th, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Join us as we discover the natural and historic resources of the Delaware Bay Communities. We'll be touring **Delaware City in New Castle County**. Leave the driving to us as you board our touring van. We will make a stop for lunch along the way. The tour will meet at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, DE). This program is designed for participants 16 years of age or older.

Space is limited, call 302-739-6377 to register

Discovery Labs for Future Scientists

These programs are designed for families with children aged 7 and older.

Programs take place in different locations and require different dress.

Please be sure to check where the program will occur when registering.

Wednesday, July 5th, 1 PM - 3 PM

Bluebirds & Birdhouses, Blackbird Creek Reserve

801 Blackbird Landing Rd, Townsend DE

Join us for a discussion about bluebird nesting and conservation by our Stewardship Coordinator, then make your own birdhouse to take home!

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring bug spray.

Tuesday, July 18th, 1 PM - 3 PM

Zooplankton and Microscopes, St. Jones Reserve

818 Kitts Hummock Rd, Dover DE

Discover zooplankton, tiny wonders of the sea! Learn how to use microscopes to get a close-up look at the world hidden from normal eyes. Discover tiny, alien-like creatures and why they're so important to our marine ecosystems.

Saturday, July 22nd, 9 AM - 11 AM

Marine Explorers, Bowers Beach

Join a naturalist to discover what critters live just below the surface and how they've adapted to survive in the sometimes harsh conditions of the Delaware Bay. The Program meets in the public lot at Bowers beach before heading out to the beachfront. **Participants must wear shoes that can get wet and will stay on their feet in the water.**

Wed., July 26th AND Fri., August 25th, 7 PM - 8 PM

Nocturnal Animals Campfire, Blackbird Creek Reserve

801 Blackbird Landing Rd, Townsend DE

Join us for an evening around the campfire! Learn about nocturnal animals and their adaptations that allow them to be active during the night. We'll talk about (and maybe even see and hear!) bats, owls, raccoons and more! Feel free to bring your own s'mores supplies for roasting.

Friday, August 11th, 10 AM– 12 PM

Ocean Acidification, St. Jones Reserve

818 Kitts Hummock Rd, Dover DE

How does climate change impact our oceans? Learn about increased carbon in the oceans and how the oceans are becoming more acidic, and what impact this has on the flora and fauna of our estuaries and ocean ecosystems.

Pre-registration required for all programs; call 302-739-6377

Catch us Around Town!

Delaware State Fair

Thursday, July 20th: Build a Horseshoe Crab

Join us for short presentations on the horseshoe crab with horseshoe crab models for children to build!

Thursday, July 27th: Skins, Scat, and Tracks

Come learn about some of the awesome animals of the Delaware Bay and their skins, scat, and tracks!

